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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Area/LME Directors
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FROM: Richard J. Visingardi, Ph.D.

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RE: Transitional Non-Covered Target Populations for SFY 04

DATE: July 30, 2003

In our earlier memorandum communication to you dated June 13, 2003, "*RE: IPRS Target Populations for SFY 04 (Effective July 1, 2003), Summary of Target Population Changes and Updated IPRS/Diagnosis Spreadsheet*", we outlined the extension of services provided to transitional non-covered target populations (TNC) through June 30, 2004. This extension also carried certain conditions related to enrolling new consumers who did not fit into the target populations.

Based on comments received related to the draft State Plan 2003 document, the Division made changes in the final version of Chapter 6 for TNCs and this memorandum provides confirming clarification. The previous June 13, 2003 memorandum stated that new TNC consumers could continue to be enrolled during SFY 04 for (a) entitlements for Medicaid services, or (b) when other service providers are not available. In the final version of State Plan 2003, these conditions have been removed in an effort to ensure that individuals within the TNC category, including newly enrolled consumers, are appropriately served during transition in SFY 04.

This memorandum, and changes made in the final version of State Plan 2003, should continue to facilitate the provision of services to individuals within the TNC category while other supports and services are put into place. This extension of services to individuals within the TNC category through June 30, 2004, is to help ensure that individuals in need of services continue to receive services during this transition period. We remind you that the final version of State Plan 2003 states, "*It is not the intent of the transition for LMEs or providers to continue to provide services to consumers and families as a means to avoid the transition to target populations or to avoid the development of alternative network sources and resources. Rather, it is recognition of the diversity of the communities in terms of available community resources and the need to*



ensure that individuals not included in target populations transition to alternate community services and supports in a safe and planned manner.”

Should you have any questions concerning this communication, please contact Gary Imes (Gary.Imes@ncmail.net) or Phillip Hoffman (Phillip.Hoffman@ncmail.net), or either by phone at 919-715-7774.

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